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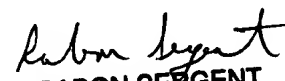
The reply filed on September 10, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to address the rejection of claims 4, 6, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth within paragraph 6 of the Office action. Firstly, applicants have not clarified claim 4 wherein derivatives of the sulfated hyaluronic acid are referred to as acids, rather than derivatives. Secondly, it is unclear how the amendment to claim 6 has addressed the issue of whether or not the residue contains a carboxylic acid group. Lastly, "such as" remains within claim 19. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Furthermore, the following issue has been noted: the occurrence of "sulphH-COOH" within claim 8 is inconsistent with the rest of the claim language.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (703) 308-2982.

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